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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Sheriff Ed Bonner is proud to announce that two Placer County Deputy Sheriffs received awards from California Attorney General Bill Lockyer at a recent awards ceremony in Woodland.

Deputies Larry Jenks received the Zone 4 Peace Officer Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Outstanding Performance. Deputy Mitch Olson received the Attorney General's Certificate of Valor award.

Jenks, 52 and a 30 year law enforcement veteran and a 21 year member of Placer County Sheriff's Department, received his award for his continued outstanding service to the citizens of Placer County and in particular for his service as the department's first School Resource Officer (SRO). Deputy Jenks has served a total of ten-years as a SRO. He has spent the last eight-years as Del Oro High School's SRO where he has developed a strong bond between the department and the school. He works with at-risk youth to steer them towards leading a successful life. "Larry has done an outstanding job as a School Resource Officer. He was our first and he was the model on which we based our School Resource Officer Program," said Placer County Sheriff Ed Bonner.

Deputy Olson, 41, received the Certificate of Valor for courageously putting himself in harms way to prevent a suicidal woman from jumping of the Foresthill Bridge in February of this year. On February 3, Olson, along with California Highway Patrol Officers Larry Olveda, Al Jones and John Nielsen, were attempting to negotiate with a woman who was standing on the outside of the railing on the bridge. The female suddenly released her grip on the railing and began to fall. Disregarding his own safety, Deputy Olson, with CHP Officers Olveda, Jones and Nielsen, rushed towards the falling woman and grabbed her and pinned her against the outside of the railing. After a brief struggle they were able to gain control of the victim and pull her to safety, preventing a needless and tragic death. "Mitch's actions went above and beyond the normal call to duty. He put his own life at risk to save another's. I am proud of him," said Sheriff Ed Bonner.